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TO: CCE Accredited Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs (DCPs)

CC: Council
    CCE Administrative Office

FROM: Jean-Nicolas Poirier, D.C., Ed.D., Council Chair

SUBJECT: Program Reporting Requirements RE CCE Policy 56

At its July 9, 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting, the Council reviewed the reporting/disclosure requirements within CCE Policy 56, Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds and Outcomes, as well as information received from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) regarding the rescheduling and availability of board examinations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Immediately following the meeting, the Council Chair provided a July 10, 2020 memo RE Temporary Waiver to CCE Policy 56 for all programs, extending the reporting requirement from August 1, 2020 to February 1, 2021.

As indicated in the memo, the Council formed a Program Reporting Requirements Workgroup to thoroughly review all aspects of CCE Policy 56 and collaborated with the NBCE administration regarding the rescheduling process for exams. The workgroup completed its charge in December 2020 and provided a recommendation/report to the Council for fair/transparent reporting of NBCE licensing exam success rates.

At its January 7, 2021 Annual Meeting, the Council reviewed the report from the workgroup, noting that due to the COVID-19 virus, the NBCE rescheduled the administration of its Spring Part IV exam at different sites in July, August, September, and November 2020, respectively. As of November 15, 2020, all late 2019 and early 2020 graduating cohorts of all programs have been able to take the Part IV exam.

The Council approved the recommendation of the workgroup outlined below and determined that all programs must use the following reporting requirements for 2019 & 2020 cohort data as formatted in the table provided in CCE Policy 56:

2019 Cohort Reporting
For program cohorts that graduated in November or December 2019 and were scheduled to take the NBCE Part IV exam in May 2020, results from their rescheduled NBCE Part IV exams taken in July, August, September, or November of 2020 may be included in the 2019 cohort data report that must be posted by February 1, 2021.
2020 Cohort Reporting
For program cohorts that graduated between January 2020 and May 2020, results from their rescheduled NBCE Part IV exams taken in July, August, September, or November 2020 may be included in the 2020 cohort data report 6 months post-graduation. Program posting of Policy 56 NBCE Pass Rates for 2020 will resume on-cycle by August 1, 2021.

The Council is committed to maintain its communication and collaboration with programs during these challenging times and hopes the temporary flexibility and continuing update is helpful to all regarding programmatic accreditation requirements during this COVID-19 pandemic challenge.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dr. Craig Little, President, in the CCE Administrative Office.